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SUBJECT: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT CAUSES CONCERN

1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR NATO AFFAIRS CHORAFAS ASKED DCM TO CALL ON HIM THIS MORNING. CHORAFAS SAID GOG HAD LEARNED THAT UK DELEGATION TO NATO HAD REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY OUT SLICE/XXI SERIAL 94E INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT CONNECTING EARLY WARNING STATION CAPA CARTA ON CYPRUS THROUGH DATA LINK WITH TURKISH NADGE SITE AT KUTAHYA. ACCORDING TO CHORAFAS, THIS PROJECT WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE THE TRANSMISSION TO THE TURKISH SITE OF "REAL TIME" DATA COVERING THE WHOLE AIRSPACE OF CYPRUS AND ADJACENT AIR AND SEA AREA TO A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILES FROM THE ISLAND. GIVEN THE "DELICATE SITUATION IN THE AREA" CHORAFAS SAID THAT CRRYING OUT THIS PROJECT MIGHT CREATE "DIFFICULTIES AND UNDESIRABLE COMPLICATIONS". HE ASKED THAT US AUTHORITIES TAKE ANY STEPS THEY DEEM CONVENIENT TO PREVENT THESE COMPLICATIONS.

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- 2. CHORAFAS HANDED DCM AN AIDE MEMOIRE COVERING ABOVE POINTS AND SAID BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN CALLED IN EARLIER JANUARY 25 AND ASKED TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO FORESTALL REALIZATION OF THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AT JANUARY 27 SESSION OF PAYMENT AND PROGRESS COMMITTEE.
- 3. DCM PROMISED TO PASS GOG'S REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT BUT MADE

NO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE
ON WHAT RESPONSE, IF ANY. DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO MAKE TO MFA.
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